

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2249 - SB 2201

March 18, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals convicted of certain infamous crimes to have their voting rights restored upon receiving a pardon, service or expiration of the maximum sentence imposed or being granted final release from incarceration or supervision. Upon receiving a certificate of restoration after one of the above requirements is met, the certificate will be submitted to the county election commission for verification and the individual will be eligible to register to vote.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Certificates of restoration will be issued by existing staff of the releasing authority.
- Issuance of voter registration cards will require no additional resources.
- Trial courts and district attorneys general will experience a decrease in resources directed to the review of restoration of citizenship rights petitions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director